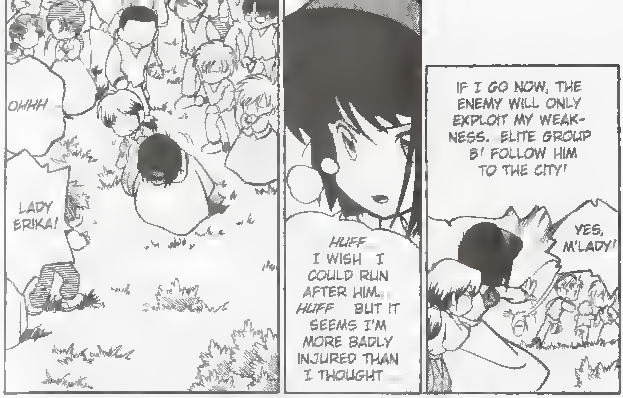
WHS
WHOOSH
VWIP
VWIP
WHISH

WOOO
THANKS, PIDGEOT
pop
KPOP
FFFF
To my grandson, Blue.
From Professor Oak.
I hope you are well.
How are your training journeys progressing?
I hate to interrupt you in such an important
and all-consuming part of your
education, but several things have come to
my attention, and I am afraid that I
will require your attendance.
HWOO
OOOOOO

YOU, BABY-BRAIN ARE PIKA'S TRAINER!?
HA HA HA OF COURSE YOU ARE!
...
grrr
THEN IT'LL BE NO TROUBLE FOR YOU TO TAKE IT BACK!!
PURRRR-SIAN

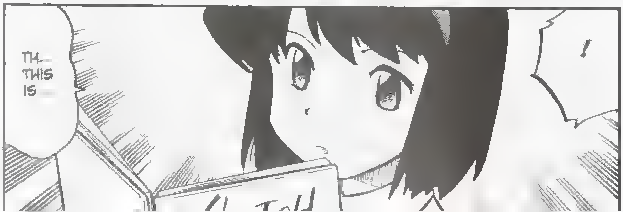
PERSIAN, FURY SWIPES!!
PARAS-- STUN SPORE!!
GAAA
AMA RILLO...
LADY ERIKA!
I DON'T ADVISE ENTERING THE LEAGUE GAMES JUST YET... "TRAINER"! HEE-HEE-HEEEEE!
POW
ALL RIGHT, THEN IF HE WANTS TO ATTACK AT FULL FORCE
KA CHI
BAM
GO!!
BAM

!?
Y-YOUR "FULL ATTACK"— IS JUST A RATTATA AND A DODUO!? I THOUGHT YOU'D CAPTURED MORE POKÉMON THAN THAT!!
OH, I CAPTURED MANY OTHERS BUT I LET THEM ALL GO!
LET THEM GO!? WHY!?
I AM NOT INTERESTED IN COMPLET-ING A POKEDEX
ALL I WANT ARE TRUE FRIENDS!


OHHH!
LADY ERIKA!
HUFF... I WISH I COULD RUN AFTER HIM... HUFF... BUT IT SEEMS I'M MORE BADLY INJURED THAN I THOUGHT...
IF I GO NOW, THE ENEMY WILL ONLY EXPLOIT MY WEAKNESS. ELITE GROUP B! FOLLOW HIM TO THE CITY!
YES, M'LADY!

WHAT'S THIS!? A SKETCH-BOOK...
SKETCH
YELLOW
DID HE DROP THIS!?

FLAP
Dody (Dodua)
Second Friend
Powerful kicks!
Carries me fast!
TAP
Rattry (rattata)
My first friend
Very proud of the large teeth that


TH-THIS IS...
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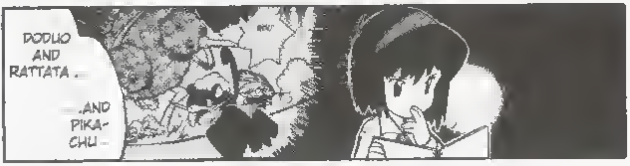
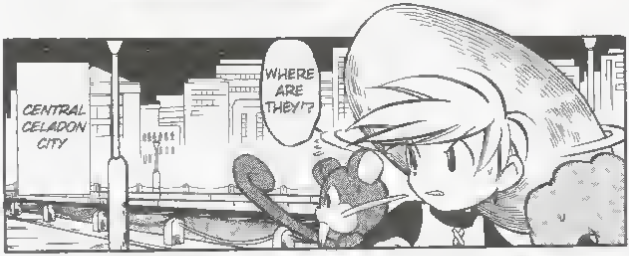
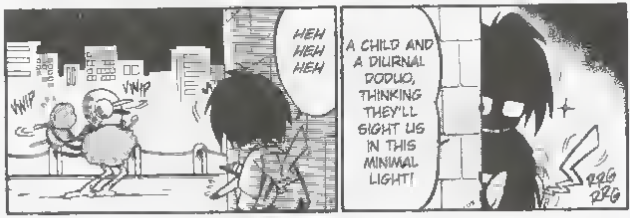
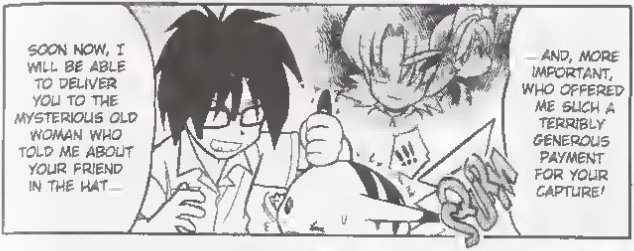
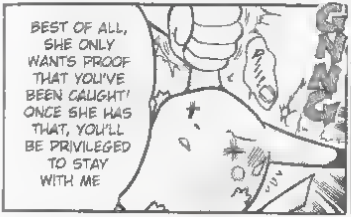
PIKA(pikachu)
My new friend Helping me find Red
Daddy
Ratty (I hope Pika
Ratty (I hope Pika will want to be my

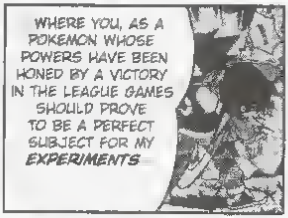

DODUO AND RATTATA..
..AND PIKA-CHU!


CENTRAL CELADON CITY
WHERE ARE THEY!?

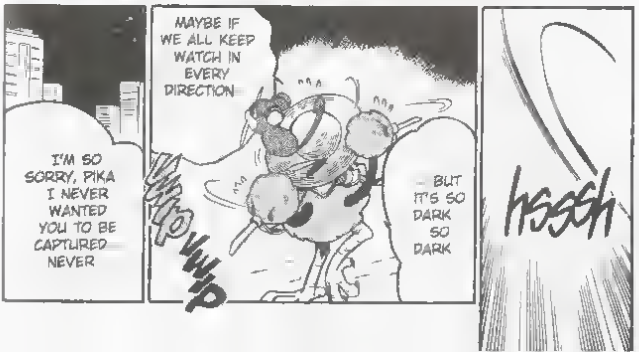

HEH HEH HEH
A CHILD AND A DIURNAL DODUO, THINKING THEY'LL SIGHT US IN THIS MINIMAL LIGHT!
YNIP
YNIP
RRG RRG


SOON NOW, I WILL BE ABLE TO DELIVER YOU TO THE MYSTERIOUS OLD WOMAN WHO TOLD ME ABOUT YOUR FRIEND IN THE HAT—
—AND, MORE IMPORTANT, WHO OFFERED ME SUCH A TERRIBLY GENEROUS PAYMENT FOR YOUR CAPTURE!
SHH


BEST OF ALL, SHE ONLY WANTS PROOF THAT YOU'VE BEEN CAUGHT! ONCE SHE HAS THAT, YOU'LL BE PRIVILEGED TO STAY WITH ME
GNG


WHERE YOU, AS A POKEMON WHOSE POWERS HAVE BEEN HONED BY A VICTORY IN THE LEAGUE GAMES SHOULD PROVE TO BE A PERFECT SUBJECT FOR MY *EXPERIMENTS*—

—AS WELL AS THE PERFECT *TOOL* TO PAY BACK THE ARROGANT FEMALE PROFESSOR WHO COST ME MY PLACE IN THE UNIVERSITY BY CALLING ME CALLING *ME!*— *"A DANGEROUS MAVERICK!"*
THAT CHILD IS ALL THAT STANDS IN MY WAY . *HENH* .. AND HE WON'T STAND *LONG!*


I'M SO SORRY, PIKA I NEVER WANTED YOU TO BE CAPTURED— NEVER
MAYBE IF WE ALL KEEP WATCH IN EVERY DIRECTION—
—BUT IT'S SO DARK SO DARK
hsssh

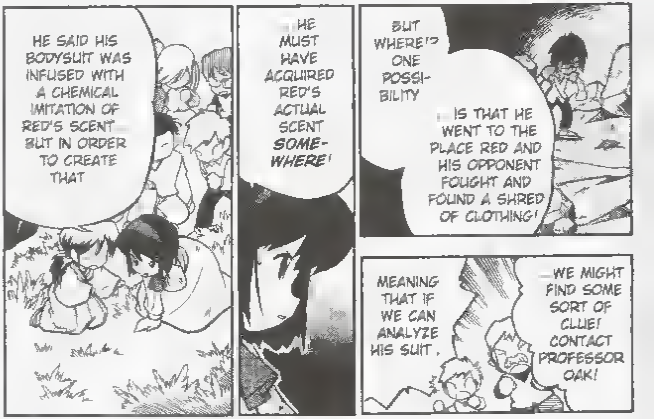
L-LOOK OUT! UP ABOVE!
OH!
THAT WAS A MARO-WAK'S BONE-MERANG!!
WAIT-- I HAVE TO LISTEN--!!
IF I CAN HEAR THE NEXT BONEMERANG COMING
!!
WHAT'S THIS SOUND!?
L-LIKE NAILS SCRAPING ACROSS A BLACK-BOARD!!

KRR
DODY!
I... I CAN'T TELL WHERE THE BONEMERANG IS COMING FROM BECAUSE OF THAT NOISE!
KYRRRUUU
PAUF
THE BONEMERANG WILL RETURN ENDLESSLY...
...UNTIL IT FINALLY MAKES CONTACT WITH ITS TARGET!!
AND, GIVEN HIS PRIMITIVE SENSORY FACULTIES, I CAN ENSURE THAT HE WILL BE UNABLE TO DODGE IT WITH A STEADY EMISSION OF DISSONANCE FROM MY PERSIAN!
SKRR
SKRRI

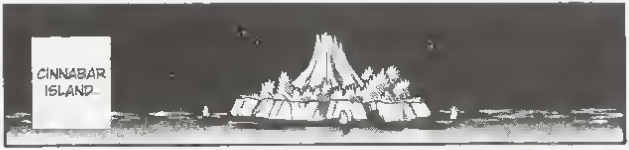
LET'S ADD SOME SOPORIFIC SPORE TO THE MIX!
BOF
NOW TO FINISH THIS PROJECT A FEW SECONDS SOONER...
THE ONLY REAL THREAT HE POSES IS THAT DODUO
SKRII
SO LET'S NEUTRALIZE THAT!!
KWRRR
SKRII
KWRRR
HERE IT COMES AGAIN!
RUN, DODY, RUN!
DO DO DO
KWRRR
GET A-WAAAY!!
PERSIAN!
PRRR PRRR PRRR
SKRII

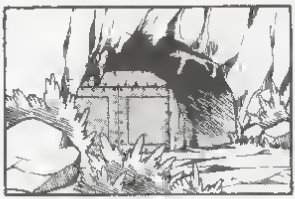
NNGYAAA!!
I-IT'S SO LOUD!!
I CAN'T HEAR THE BONE-MERANG!!
FOOB
WAAA!
I KNOW IT'S NEARBY!!
FYOOO
!!
THIS POWDER!!
H-HE'S NOT EVEN TRYING TO HIT US! HE'S KNOCKING OUT DODUO!!
POOF
HGH!
HWOOOH
HEH HEH HEH
TAKE A GOOD LOOK
ISN'T HUMAN PAIN SIMPLY— FASCI-NATING?
HWOK
KH!

WA HA HA HA HA!
SCRAPE
RIIICH
I I HAVE TO S— SAVE
KRRII
...PIKAAA!


HE SAID HIS BODYSUIT WAS INFUSED WITH A CHEMICAL IMITATION OF RED'S SCENT BUT IN ORDER TO CREATE THAT
HE MUST HAVE ACQUIRED RED'S ACTUAL SCENT SOME-WHERE!
BUT WHERE!? ONE POSSI-BILITY
IS THAT HE WENT TO THE PLACE RED AND HIS OPPONENT FOUGHT AND FOUND A SHRED OF CLOTHING!
MEANING THAT IF WE CAN ANALYZE HIS SUIT,
WE MIGHT FIND SOME SORT OF CLUE! CONTACT PROFESSOR OAK!

NO. THERE IS SOMEONE MUCH BETTER SUITED TO A TASK LIKE THIS THAN PROFESSOR OAK.
HUH...!? B-BUT WHO COULD BE BETTER THAN...!?
SOMEONE WHO ONCE WALKED THE DARK PATH
...AND FOUND HIS WAY BACK TO THE LIGHT THANKS TO RED
FOLLOWING THE PATH BLAZED BY MISTY...AND BROCK...AND MYSELF
HE IS THE FOURTH OF THE GOOD GYM LEADERS!
AND, HE IS A SCIENTIST OF THE HIGHEST CALIBER!
SEND A MESSAGE-- TO BLAINE!
YES, M'LADY!


CINNABAR ISLAND...



HMM
NOT MUCH HELP EITHER...
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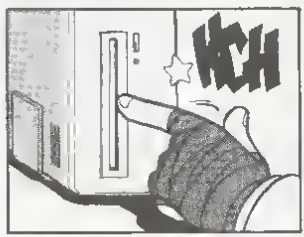
RAPIDASH, WOULD YOU FETCH THAT JOURNAL OVER THERE?
OH, AND THAT DISK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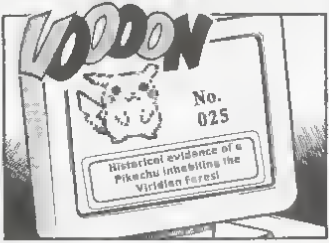
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AH!
YES. YES... THEN THAT MEANS...
DO NOT DISTURB!
BLIP
BLIP
SO... IT LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO BE MAKING A SERIOUS FIELD STUDY S..HM?
BBBP
BRRKT
BRRKT
AND WHAT'S THIS? NO ONE'S CALLED HERE IN A LONG, LONG TIME...
HELLO... THIS IS CINNABAR GYM.
CHK

WOOOSH
BOOO
BOOO
SKRIIII
SKRIIII
SKRIIII
HEH
HEHE .